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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-12,22-30 and 32-43 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-12,22-25,29,30 and 32-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

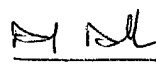
- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's submission of the amendment filed on 05/06/04. Claims 1, 3-12, 22-30, 32-43 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albert et al (US6685633).

Albert discloses a controller comprising a processor and a storage device in communication with the processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by the processor (6a of Fig.3) to retrieve information from a medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with a medical care provider (6a, 4, 6b of Figure 3), and transmit the information to a remote patient device via a communication network (6a, 4, 2 of Figure 3), wherein the storage device (6a of Fig.3) further stores at least one of: a patient database, a scheduling database, and a supplemental database (see "6a for FIGS. 3...can further comprise storing...a database of potential recipients of the medical data, wherein the database is also accessible by each patient such that each patient can identify from the potential recipients at least one selected recipient to receive the medical data for that patient" in lines 39-44 of col.9), a communication device coupled to the processor and adapted to communicate with at least one of: a patient device (6a, 4, 2 of Fig.3), and a medical care provider device (6a, 4, 6b of Fig.3).

Albert lacks the information being scheduling information. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to have the information being scheduling information, in the device of Albert, because it is dependent on the intended use of the processor by the user.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-12, 22-25, 29-30, 32-43 allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fadi H. Dahbour whose telephone number is 703-306-5479. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9am-5:30pm est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry A. Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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